

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-8 and 10 are considered in the Office action.

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Hagiunda et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,182,225 (“Hagiunda”) in view of Jarrad U.S. Patent No. 6,047,197 (“Jarrad”).

Reply to § 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner has maintained his assertion that Hagiunda describes a printing system including an application adapted to receive and display status information of all output printing devices. The Examiner, however, has repeatedly ignored the following language in Hagiunda:

Devices shown on NetSpot are only network devices implemented for SNMP/Canon-MIB. . . . Network devices other than this cannot be displayed. . . . Further, devices not triggered by [the] network protocol used by NetSpot are also not displayed.

(Col. 23, lines 43-48) (emphasis added).

Inexplicably, the Examiner has never addressed this issue, but instead steadfastly asserts that Hagiunda “clearly describes that all the devices can be display [sic].” As support, the Examiner cites the following text:

The list of devices can be periodically updated and this change in device operating status reflected in the icon by polling the device connection status and operating status at fixed intervals. When a device is newly detected, that device icon is added to the device list.

(Col. 23, lines 54-57). The language cited by the Examiner says nothing about displaying status information about all output printing devices, and does not contradict the language in Hagiunda (from two paragraphs above) that clearly states that NetSpot does not, and cannot, display status information about all network devices.

As previously stated, unlike the claimed invention, Hagiunda does not describe or suggest a printing system including an application adapted to receive and display the status information of all of the output printing devices. Instead, Hagiunda

points away from the claimed invention by limiting the device list window to display some, but not all, networked devices.

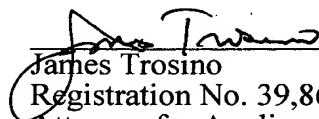
Further, The Examiner has never identified any plausible suggestion or motivation to combine Hagiunda, which pertains to networked printing systems, with Jarrad, which pertains to cellular telephone displays. Other than by using hindsight gleaned from applicants' disclosure, the Examiner has repeatedly failed to identify any logical reason why a person of skill in the art would look to such disparate references, let alone somehow imagine combining the references. Indeed, the Examiner has never provided any cogent reasoning to support his assertion that cellular telephone display technologies are somehow "reasonably pertinent" to network printing systems.

Because neither Hagiunda nor Jarrad, alone or combined, describe or suggest the claimed invention, applicants respectfully request that the § 103(a) rejections of amended independent claim 1 be withdrawn. Because all other claims depend from claim 1, applicants respectfully request that the § 103(a) rejections of claims 1-8 and 10 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that this application, including claims 1-8 and 10, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

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